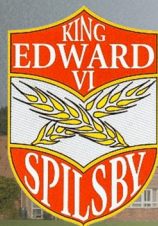


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HUMANITIES COLLEGE

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Y10 Work Experience
8 - 19 March 2010

An Inspector Calls Trip
10 March 2010

Y10/11 Practice French Oral Exam
22 March 2010

Technology Faculty Surgery
29 March 2010 3.00pm—6.00pm

Sixth Form Parents' Evening
31 March 2010 5.00pm—7.00pm

Term 4 ends 1 April 2010

Term 5 starts 20 April 2010

Ski Trip 2010 to Wengen, Switzerland
9—17 April 2010

Y10 & Y11 Revision Clubs
13—16 April 2010

Grease

Mrs M Reeve

Students and staff treated parents and friends to a superb performance of the musical Grease on the 4th and 5th March. Students took all the lead roles and many supported back stage with stage management and the operation of sound, tracking and lights.

Performances were thoroughly entertaining and the rapturous applause of the audiences left no-one in doubt of the sheer entertainment value on offer. Congratulations to everyone involved and grateful thanks to Kate Walker for her direction and organisation of the whole event.



Ofsted 2010

As you are aware, Ofsted inspectors called at King Edwards last week for an expected monitoring visit (staff have been expecting them since 1st September, so were very relieved to finally meet the Inspection Team on 3rd and 4th March). The inspection went well and a full report will be available soon and sent to you. Thank you to the 33 parents who returned their questionnaire to the Inspection Team; your views were very much appreciated. Many thanks to all students for their warm support and behaviour. There were a credit to the college.

Thanks to the support at the Grease productions, £177.00 was raised for the PTFA from sales of raffle tickets and refreshments. Money raised for the recent College Haiti Appeal from Non Uniform Day and Jumble Sale totalled £689.49.

The College has been involved in a European student exchange for a year now. Staff have been planning activities and exchange visits since its inception and the first student exchange took place on the 21st February, with six students and two staff visiting one of our partner schools, Kiuruvesi Middle School in Finland. Kiuruvesi is on the eastern side of Finland.

Our party set off at 3.30am to reach Heathrow Airport for the scheduled flight to Helsinki and then on a further half-hour to Kuopio where we were met by our smiling hosts and where we met up with our German and Dutch counterparts for a further hour and a half bus ride to the school.

It was almost 9.00pm when we arrived at the car park which was several metres deep in snow! Students were dispatched to their hosts and we were all pleased to see a bed after our long day.

The week saw students giving presentations of their daily lives, role playing perceptions of each other and learning about each other's cultures. The Finns role played the British and all the stereotypes of 'a nice cup of tea', 'jolly good chap' and the Queen and her corgis were explored. We didn't have much to say about the Finns, being so far north, living half the year in the dark and not having a queen, so brainstormed each other about them with suggestions that they, of course, loved snow, saunas and Santa Claus, as well as their prowess in winter sports.

We managed to tour all the educational establishments in Kuiruvesi. The Finnish system is different to ours in that they begin school at 8am, have 45 minute lessons with a fifteen minute break in between, half and hour for lunch which is free to all and then school finishes at 2.10pm for the day. They have two months off in the summer and students start school at six years old, continuing in comprehensive education until fourteen when they divide into vocational or academic colleges until eighteen. We were given a tour of one of these colleges and a presentation on the Finnish education system before meeting the Mayor with a welcoming speech to the town. We also visited both the Lutheran and Russian Orthodox churches and met the pastors of both who explained their religious ideas.

Students attended lessons, learnt a Finnish dance and went ice fishing with a national champion. Liam was our champion, being the only student to catch two little frozen fishes, bought up from the black water under the half-metre thick ice which we had had to drill a hole in first and then dangle a line with a worm into, having walked several hundred metres

across the frozen surface of the lake). We also visited Kuopio for shopping in the snow and a spa in the afternoon for swimming; met a local naturalist who showed us the stuffed bear he had shot and a moose skin and he also showed us the traps they used for catching mink. Many people, including our Finnish headmaster, hunt in the autumn to stock their freezers and berries such as blueberries, linden berries and wild strawberries are gathered from the forests, not the supermarket.

Mr. Willerton and I enjoyed 'swapping' education with our Finnish, German and Dutch colleagues and were very envious of the constant flow of coffee and cakes in the staffroom!

Our students were a credit to the College and now realise that as well as having a national English identity, they are also part of a larger group of people who share

the European Union; who have similar hopes, dreams and fears and are looking to build a future of friendship and peace.

Our Comenius focus is 'Youth are the Hope of the World'. I am very sure that six students from KEVIS will treasure the memories of their European co-students and know that people, from whatever identity, are capable of co-operation, understanding



Parent Governor

There is a vacancy for a parent governor. If you wish to play an active part in the child's education and contribute to leading the strategic direction of the college, please contact Mrs Caroline Yule, Clerk to the Governors via the college address, with a few lines about why you would be interested and a little about yourself and your educational views. On the first instance, you would need to attend five meetings per year and maybe join a committee in your second year of office. Each term of governance lasts for four years.

Term 4 sees the return of the light nights once more and it has seemed like a very long winter indeed this year. To celebrate the coming of spring, we are offering a number of sports clubs in which students could participate. As you will see from the timetable it is full of opportunities for both boys and girls to receive extra coaching and try something new. If your child is interested in attending any of the clubs, he/she can collect a letter from the PE office or from the main office in school, and return the signed permission slip to Mr Irving.

Day	Activity	Years	Staff	Time		Venue
Monday	Netball	7	EW/SR	3:15pm	4:45pm	Sports Hall
	Netball	8	EW/SR	3:15pm	4:45pm	Sports Hall
	Netball	9	EW/SR	3:15pm	4:45pm	Sports Hall
	Netball	10	EW/SR	3:15pm	4:45pm	Sports Hall
	Netball	11	EW/SR	3:15pm	4:45pm	Sports Hall
Wednesday	Badminton/Table Tennis	7	LT/RT	3:15pm	4:45pm	Sports Hall
	Boys Football	7	Year 11 Leaders	3:15pm	4:45pm	Sports Field
	Badminton/Table Tennis	8	LT/RT	3:15pm	4:45pm	Sports Hall
	Boys Football	8	IH	3:15pm	4:45pm	Sports Field
	Badminton/Table Tennis	9	LT/RT	3:15pm	4:45pm	Sports Hall
	Badminton/Table Tennis	10	LT/RT	3:15pm	4:45pm	Sports Hall
	Boys Rugby	10	JMJ	3:15pm	4:45pm	Sports Field
	Badminton/Table Tennis	11	LT/RT	3:15pm	4:45pm	Sports Hall
	Boys Rugby	11	JMJ	3:15pm	4:45pm	Sports Hall
Thursday	Girls Football	7	MI	3:15pm	4:45pm	Hard Play
	Girls Football	8	MI	3:15pm	4:45pm	Hard Play
	Girls Football	9	MI	3:15pm	4:45pm	Hard Play
	Girls Football	10	MI	3:15pm	4:45pm	Hard Play
	Boys Football	10	LC	3:15pm	4:45pm	Sports Field
	Girls Football	11	MI	3:15pm	4:45pm	Hard Play

If anyone out there has any OLD Spilsby PE Kit that they have grown out of, including trainers and football boots, and would like to get rid of it, please send it along to the PE Department. We are always getting students who on occasion forget something and it would be nice if we could supply them with any bits they are missing for the lesson.

Running Success for Charlie Shudell

On Saturday 16th January 2010 when most of us were still tucked up in bed on a cold, wet, wintry morning; Charlie Shudell, Year 7 and his family were heading towards Louth to represent the district in the County Cross Country Championship. Charlie was the only student from the College to be selected for the championships through qualification from the Inter Schools Competition in December 2009.

When Charlie arrived at the Cross Country Course it was raining heavily which made the conditions very difficult as there had been snow and ice for a couple of days before. The conditions were difficult for the spectators let alone the competitors.

This was the first time Charlie had seen the course. He had taken part in a Cross Country event there previously but the course, this time was longer and more challenging. Many of the other competitors were running as part of a team. Charlie kept up with the rest of the field and battled against the difficult conditions to complete the course. Charlie did extremely well as he was one of the youngest competitors taking part.

Well done, Charlie! An outstanding achievement in very difficult conditions.



YEAR 9 LINCOLN UNIVERSITY TRIP & SUMMER SCHOOL AT DERBY

UNIVERSITY Mrs J Jackson

- Following a very successful taster day at Lincoln University on Wednesday 3rd February 2010, students from Set 1 of Year 9 were asked to submit entries to attend the, 'So this is Science and Technology' Summer School at Derby University taking place during the Easter vacation. The criteria was biased towards those students who probably were not currently thinking about attending University at a later stage and was designed to give them a valuable insight into all forms of University life on campus. King Edward College has been able to submit all 12 applications and we are very excited at the prospect of our Year 9 students attending this national 3 day residential course.

Home Access Funding Opportunity

We are pleased to advise you of the release of funding by BECTA in relation to the Home Access project. This gives the opportunity for eligible students to receive funding to purchase a laptop and broadband connection. Lincolnshire County Council is keen to make the most of the rare funding opportunity.

Parents need to apply for the funding direct, however we can offer support that might be needed to complete the application. The funding is based on a first come first served basis. Further details can be found at:

<http://collaboration.becta.org.uk/community/homeaccess>
and eligibility information can be obtained from:

<http://collaboration.becta.org.uk/docs/DOC-1936>

This is a project where families apply directly to a central body for funding and not through CfBT, the school or LCC.

Please also see the information sheet enclosed with this newsletter.

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